



Power of VA-DoD Sharing Conference

VistA Fee IPAC Update

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VA/DoD VistA Fee IPAC Interface Project

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Overview – VA/DoD VistA Fee-IPAC Interface

- **Project:** VistA Fee to comply with IPAC
- **Purpose:** Enhance VA-DoD collaboration
- **Outcomes:**
 - Accurate workload capture
 - More appropriate budget allocations
 - Payment process standardization
 - Increased reporting capability
 - More timely payments
- **When:** 2010





Background - Veterans Health Administration

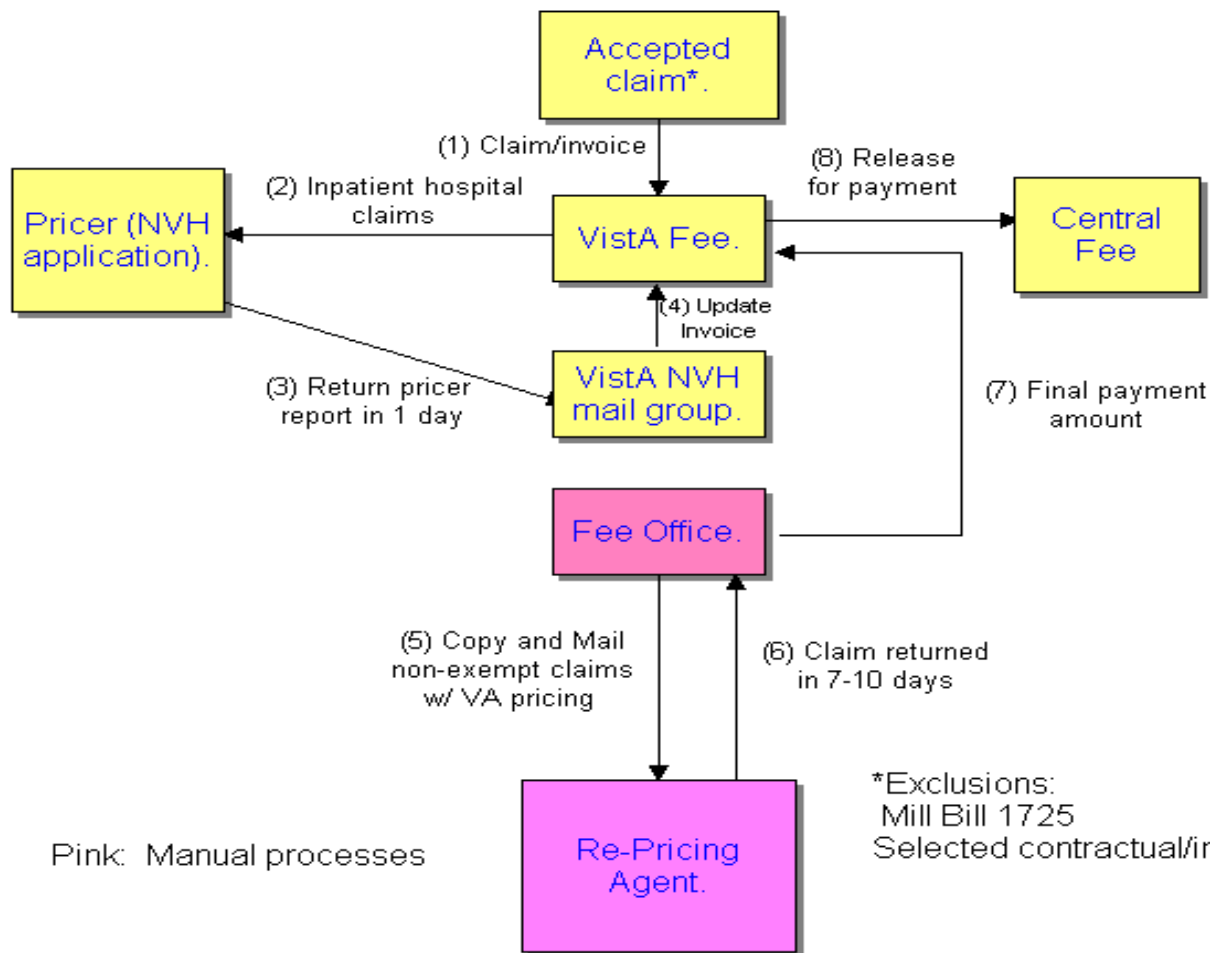
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Mental Illness Research
Nursing
Polytrauma
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
Prosthetics and Sensory Aids
Social Work





Background - Current Inpatient Fee Process

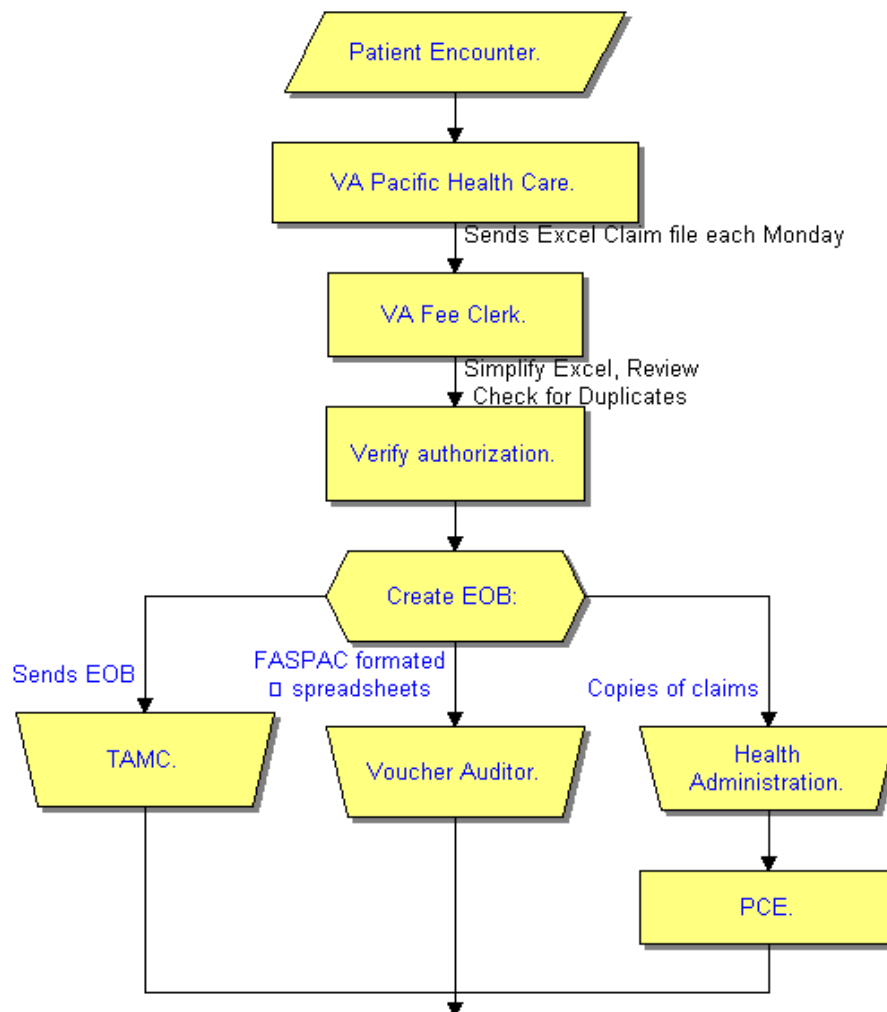
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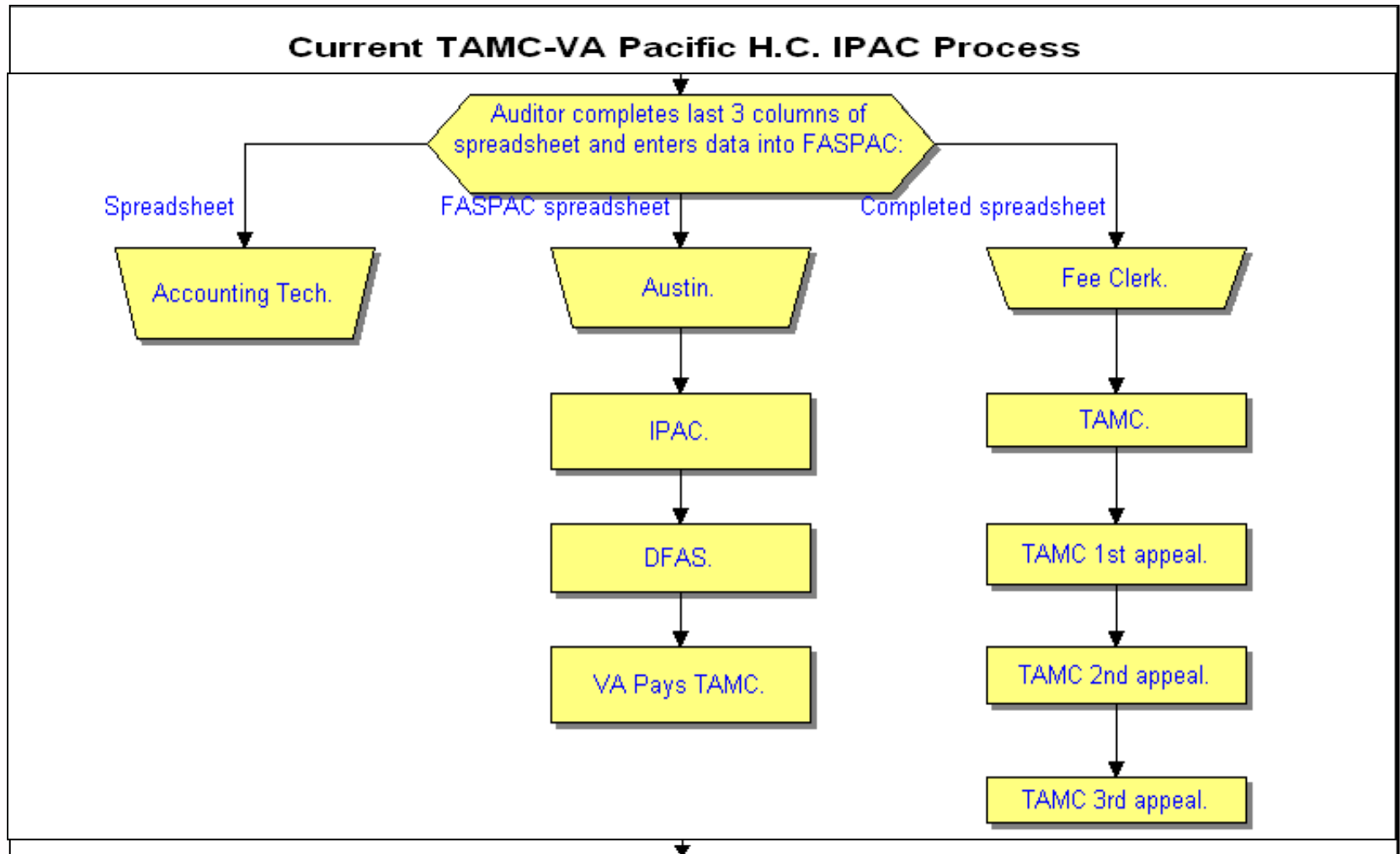
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Current TAMC-VA Pacific H.C. IPAC Process





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Problems

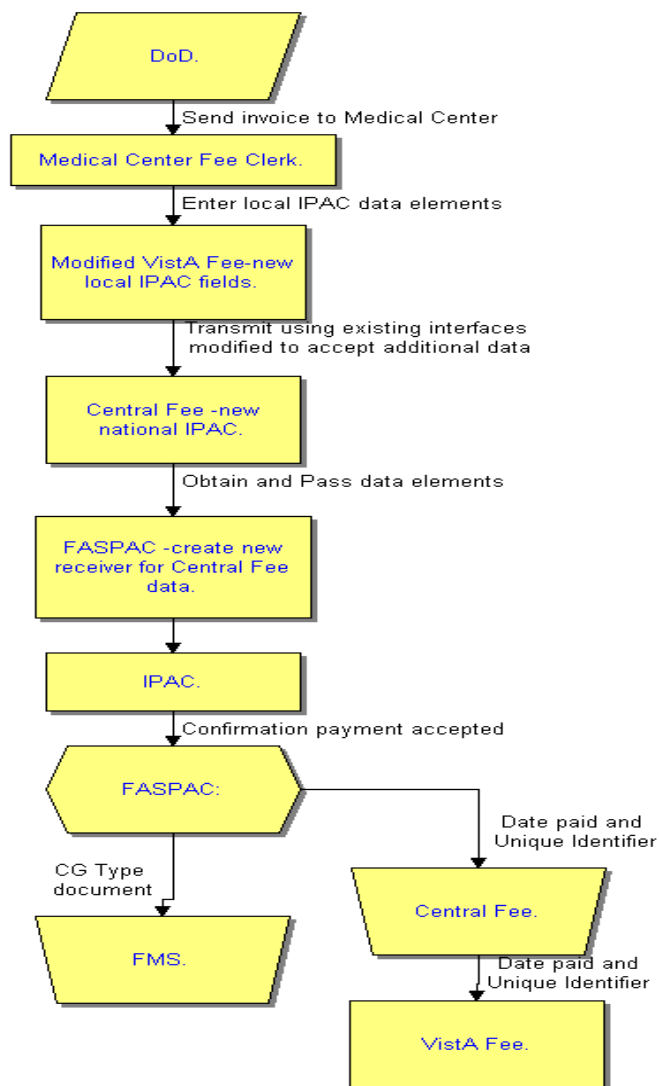
- **VA**
 - Out of compliance with DoT
 - Underreporting of workload in VERA
 - Manual, time consuming work-arounds
 - Disincentive to partner with DoD
- **DoD**
 - Disincentive to partner with VA
 - Late payments





Background

Future Fee-IPAC Interface Data Flow





Stakeholders

- **VA**

- VHA CO VA-DoD Sharing Office – John Bradley
- VHA CO – Michael Moore
- VHA CBO – Patty Gheen
- AITC (Central Fee) – Judy Sine
- FSC (FASPAC) – Gary McWilson/Mary Lancaster
- OI&T OED (Fee Basis) – Debbi Lawson
- ESM – Eddie Piskura



Stakeholders

- **VA / DoD Sites**

- VA Pacific Islands Health Care System - John Holes
- Alaska Veterans Affairs Health Care System
- VA Northern California Health Care System
- El Paso VA Health Care System
- VA Southern Nevada Health Care System
- New Mexico VA Health Care System
- Key West Community Based Outpatient Clinic
- VA Gulf Coast Health Care System





Stakeholders

- **DoD / DFAS**
 - Cleveland
 - Christina Floro
 - Gene Riendeau
 - Columbus
 - Margo Berry
 - Lee Williams
 - Indianapolis
 - Jeannie Allen
 - Mark Angellotti





Business Requirements

- Electronically document all information required to process a claim through IPAC
- Electronically send claim information to IPAC

Business Processes Enabled

- Data Sharing and Interoperability with DoD
- Accurate VA workload capture





VistA Fee Requirements

Manage IPAC Vendors

- Add IPAC Vendor file
- Add new menu
- Add new options to Add/Edit/Delete
- Add reports
- Transmit IPAC Vendor data to Central Fee

Modify Invoice and Payment Options

- Prompt users for IPAC data
- Pharmacy Modifications for IPAC
- Include IPAC data in payment





Modify Payment Confirmations

Reports

- IPAC Vendor DoD Invoice Report
- IPAC Vendor Payment Report
- DoD Invoice Number Inquiry



- Receive & file IPAC vendor data
- Identify IPAC payments
- Return IPAC transaction number
- Send data to FASPAC

- Create new receiver for Central Fee data
- Create new sender to Central Fee to return data



Benefits

- **Streamlines method to submit DoD claims to IPAC**
- **Reduces manual entry while increasing accuracy**
- **Increases accuracy of VERA workload reporting**
- **Represents national solution**
- **Accommodates other federal providers**





Timeline - Past

- **Idea:** April 2006
- **New Service Request:** May 2007
- **Business Requirements:** November 2007
- **Approved by JEC:** July 2008
- **Funding:** November 2008
- **Ol&T Project Start:** January 2009
- **Requirements Complete:** May 2009





Schedule Baseline Due: 6/29/09

Project Phases:

- Design 9 weeks
- Coding 16 weeks
- Integrated testing 4 weeks
- Site testing 6 weeks
- National Patch release 2 weeks
- Project Close 4 weeks





Summary

- **Positive Incentive for VA-DoD sharing**
- **Reimbursements more accurate**
- **Speeds payments to DoD**



Questions?





Key Acronyms

- AITC - Austin Information Technology Center (5)**
- DFAS - Defense Finance and Accounting System (9)**
- DoD - Department of Defense (0)**
- DoT - Department of the Treasury (8)**
- ESM - Enterprise Systems Management (10)**
- FASPAC - Federal Accounting Service Payment and Collections (9)**
- FMS - Financial Management System (5)**
- FSC - Financial Services Center (9)**
- IPAC - Intra-governmental Payment and Collection (6)**
- MTF - Military Treatment Facility (6)**
- VA - Department of Veterans Affairs (0)**
- VACO - Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office (10)**
- VAMC - Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (4)**
- VERA - Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation (8)**
- VHA - Veterans Health Administration (2)**
- VISN - Veterans Integrated Service Network (5)**
- VistA - Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (5)**